Acquisition Reform Success Story

B-2 Depot Automatic Test Systems

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Program Description

Test Program Sets (TPS) are the software programs and hardware adapters that, along with Automatic Test Stations, provide the capability to test avionics components.. The B-2 Depot Test Program Sets (TPS), developed on and utilized with Commercial-Off-The-Shelf test equipment, will be used to test and repair over 800 B-2 avionics items.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

The B-2 Depot TPS Request for Proposal (RFP) team embraced acquisition reform by establishing a program to procure TPSs using a commercial approach. In addition, the RFP Support Office, established under the Lightning Bolt Initiatives, was enlisted to support the B-2 Depot TPS RFP team. Together, the B-2 Depot TPS RFP team and the RFP Support Office, reduced Contract Data Requirements List (CDRLs) from 19 to five, Military Standards (MIL STDS) /Specifications (SPECS) from six to zero and transition from a Statement of Work (SOW) to a performance-oriented Statement of Objectives (SOO). This combined effort resulted in a cost avoidance of $60M for the RFP released on 10 January 1996.

Measure	From	To
SOW to SOO	21 pages	1 page
MIL STDs/Specs	6 items	0 items
CDRLs	19 items	5 items
Projected Cost Avoidance	$0	$60M

Bottom Line: The B-2 Depot TPS RFP team took advantage of existing resources to develop a more streamlined RFP (doing it **better**), and they saved $60M in program cost (doing it **cheaper**).